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<p>(54) Title: A DISTAL PROTECTION/WASH-OUT METHOD FOR TREATING VESSELS</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>The present invention provides for a method, and apparatus for treating a vessel occluded by an obstructive lesion which avoids the clinical consequences associated with lesion disruption by creating a temporary obstruction (9) distal to the treatment site, thereby protecting vessels, and tissues which lie downstream; and washing out debris, and soluble factors (12) by introducing a wash solution (15) into the treatment site, then removing the wash solution at a location proximal to the treatment site thereby protecting upstream vessels, and tissues.</p> 		